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For: COLLAGEN-BINDING PROTEINS FROM  
STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES

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AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice all prior pending claims and substitute therefor the enclosed set of new claims 19-27 as indicated in the enclosed **Attachment A**.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant is providing a new set of Claims 19-27 which more clearly define the present invention. The claims are either rewritten versions of earlier claims, or include subject matter disclosed in the original application (see, e.g., page 12 with regard to the percentage of selective hybridization), and thus the new amendments do not add any new matter to the application. Applicant thus submits that in light of the present amendments and arguments as set forth below, the present application overcomes all prior rejections and is in condition for allowance.